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Early end for Carillion contract

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The provincial government is ending its contract with multinational company Carillion for highway maintenance in its Huntsville district, which includes Haliburton County, just more than halfway through that contract.

"The Ministry of Transportation and Carillion have mutually agreed to end the contract for the Huntsville area," reads an email from ministry communications staff. "This is a mutual decision between the two organizations based on what is best for the province, the travelling public, and for Carillion. Retendering the contract for the Huntsville area provides the opportunity for MTO to make enhancements to the services provided under the maintenance contract."

The 11-year contract with Carillion, worth \$12 million a year, began in 2012, and many county residents noticed a sharp decline in the quality of snow-clearing along highways 35 and 118. What residents have called dangerous winter conditions have prompted many letters to the editor during the past few years. Haliburton County council has sent correspondence with its concerns to the provin-

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Outdoor discovery

Rebecca Krawczyk, a professional ecologist, leads the Bedrock Botanicals hike at the Frost Centre on Saturday, Sept. 23. The hike was part of the incredibly popular Hike Haliburton festival over the weekend. More on page 15.
/JENN WATT Staff

Court closure moving ahead despite petition

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It seems a petition requesting the province reverse the decision to suspend provincial offences court proceedings at the Minden courthouse for a year has had little effect.

Earlier this year, local municipalities were informed of the move, which has suspended provincial offences proceedings from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, with all of those proceedings to take place in Lindsay instead.

Local politicians expressed dismay at the decision, made by the regional senior justice of the peace in light of a shortage of justices of the peace in Ontario's Central East Region.

"I am not amused in any way," Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin said upon receiving the news in March. "This is a lot bigger problem than just moving the court [temporarily] to Lindsay."

Devolin said if the community didn't protest the decision, it was likely the province will make the move a permanent one.

"It'll never come back."

While there are supposed to be 48 justices of the peace for the region, there are currently about a dozen vacancies. Politicians criticized the province for not hiring enough JPs and expressed concern about the ability of some Haliburton County residents to travel to Lindsay for court dates. They said it was likely that OPP officers would have to transport residents to and from the county, driving up policing costs.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP

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Remembering Don Crowe

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Almost 80 years ago, not long after he was born, Don Crowe’s mom wrapped him in blankets, put him in a laundry basket, and took him with her as she delivered milk throughout the Bobcaygeon area.

He was born into the dairy business started in 1937 by his parents, Kawartha Dairy founders Jack and Ila Crowe, and alongside family and friends he met along the way, he made it his life. On Sept. 6 at the age of 77, the man known for his humble, generous nature died of complications of a stroke, leaving his legacy to his sons to carry on.

The remaining Crowe family has been “overwhelmed but not surprised” with the outpouring of support and condolences from the community after Don’s sudden passing, according to his youngest son, Craig.

“He did so much for everybody,” he said. “And he knew everybody, everywhere.”

Born in Bobcaygeon, Don cottaged in the Minden area before boarding in the downtown area in the late 1950s. He began delivering milk transported from Bobcaygeon to cottagers alongside Don Kellett, travelling to the county for deliveries even after he was newly married and living in Bobcaygeon in 1959.

In 1960, Jack bought the lot on Highway 35 where Kawartha Dairy is now. Don and his new wife, Opal, moved into the house next to the dairy in 1961, renting it until he turned 21 and was able to purchase it. Jack and Don built the iconic dairy that summer and opened it that same year, creating first or summer jobs for so many locals, a reputation for high quality, beloved ice cream and milk products and memories for kids – and then the kids of those kids – who remember summers filled with cones. Don saved letters sent to him over the years by customers who reached out in appreciation for the nostalgic tradition he had brought to their lives.

But it wasn’t just the ice cream that made an impact on the community. Don’s quiet devotion to helping others resulted in a legendary reputation for service and unselfish regard for others.

“Whether it was mentoring local business people or contributing to charitable causes, Don was always ready to help his neighbours,” said Laurie Scott, MPP, in a tribute presented in the Legislature on Sept. 21. “Many business owners will tell stories about Don helping them when they were just starting out, by giving them a fridge or a freezer and telling them to pay it back when they could.”

“Don spent his entire life building a family and a business and because of this he is responsible for helping to build a community,” said close family friend Doug Shaw in a eulogy at Don’s funeral service on Sept. 23.

Together with Opal and his family, Shaw said Don contributed time, money and materials to numerous town events, teams and causes including the Santa Claus Parade, minor hockey and baseball, and Don championed physician recruitment and health care through the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. He was active as a Kinsmen member, alongside Opal as a Kinette, and was awarded a lifetime membership by the service club for his efforts. Don was Minden Rotary Club’s first Citizen of the Year, and together he and Opal shared a Governor General’s Caring Canadians Award, awarded to them in 1998.

“Whether donating funds to furnish a room at a senior citizens’ complex, supplying a truck to help residents evacuate from a se-

nior citizens’ home, holding a benefit dance for a person injured in an accident, or donating emergency freezer space, the Crowes continually demonstrate their concern for their community and their willingness to help out their neighbours in need,” reads the award dedication on the Governor General of Canada’s website. Acknowledging that Don wasn’t one to brag about accolades, Craig laughs when thinking about his humble nature.

“Stuff like that didn’t bother him, it was just another day,” he said. “He would say, ‘you’re lucky to have it, just continue on. It’s just another day. If they want to recognize me, fine, I’ll go to the dinner.’ We’re not ones to stand for a photo. If people say thank you, that’s fine. And if not, that’s just the way some people are. You just put one foot in front of another and keep going.”

Don’s family is left to keep going now, well-versed in the operations of the dairy, but still trying to accept the loss of their patriarch. Opal died in 2011, after the pair had been married for 51 years. Together they had five sons – Steve, Terry, Darryl, Rob and Craig - 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The family jokes about Don and Opal’s relationship; how they were complete opposites.

“What a team they were,” said Shaw. “Don was always quiet and reserved and Opal told it like it was.”

The night of Don’s passing, his family left the hospital to drive home in a thunder and lightning storm.

“[Craig] looked at Steph and said, ‘poor guy’s only been up there an hour and Mom’s letting him have it already,’” said Shaw.

“The funny thing is,” Craig told the *Times*, “we all drove home in separate cars, and it turned out the other brothers, they were all thinking the same thing.”

Echoing the sentiments of community members, Scott referred to Don as being “a true giant, a gentle giant,” and his family spoke to his calm demeanour as well.

“My mother and father were two totally different people,” said Craig. “She was the enforcer. If he raised his voice, or got mad at one of us kids, that was very unusual. It was very seldom he’d ever get mad, unless someone had done something big time, big time wrong. Or unless it was work. That was his heart and soul.”

Remembering some of his earlier days at the dairy, Craig said Don would still discipline poor behaviour.

“He’d have a way of giving you his trouble in a nice way. He’d get his point across. Sometimes we’d be late for work. If you were there at 8:30, he’d just walk by and say, ‘we usually start work at 8 o’clock around here.’”

After his death, family also shared memories of his love for country music, camping and hunting, snowmobiling, classic cars, visits with family and friends and road trips.

“He never went to and from some place the same way,” said Craig. “He knew every shortcut. His time meant nothing.”

Don’s love for adventure and curious nature left him knowledgeable about side roads, and Craig said Don didn’t hesitate to take an untravelled path, believing that, “if it’s a hard top road, it’s obviously going somewhere.”

Many of his road trips were to automobile, antique and collectable shows. Don had amassed an incredible collection of dairy memorabilia – from signs and bottles to vehicles and even a milking machine that you work by hand. Fellow collectors he met along the way expressed their condolences on the Gordon A. Monk funeral home website, writing he was a “seasoned veteran with a massive amount of knowledge, which he graciously shared.”

Don was understandably proud of his collection, but collected it for himself, rather than to show it off, according to Craig. The family made the decision to honour Don’s commitment to his space being included in Minden’s Doors Open event the week-end after he died, knowing Don would have wanted to keep his word. Shaw ended his eulogy by noting that Don’s loss would leave a great void in the community, and within his family.

“Several years ago when Don and I spoke about him leaving the day-to-day operations at the dairy and letting his boys have more responsibility, I suggested that he reconsider as I did not think taking 50 years of knowledge and wisdom away were a good idea,” he said. “Don said to me, ‘picture putting your hand in a bucket of water and now take your hand out. That is the void you leave behind,’ I paused for some time, looked at Don and said, ‘I see your point, but I noticed that the level of water just went down’. Don said, ‘well, I guess we’re both right’.”

“His life stopped, ours can’t,” said Craig. “You have to keep going. It’s just another hurdle. You jump over it, and you keep going.”

Imparting wisdom that feels familiar to what Don has taught him and his brothers, Craig returns to work, carrying on his dad’s legacy.

“

He did so much for everybody, and he knew everybody, everywhere.

— CRAIG CROWE

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Province seeks proposals for winter maintenance

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cial government, and councillors, along with MPP Laurie Scott, have met with MTO reps regarding the issue in the past.

In April of 2015, Ontario's auditor general released a scathing report that concluded that the province's changing of highway performance standards to require less sanding, etc., as well as less oversight, was putting Ontarians' lives at risk and causing more weather-related traffic deaths.

The changes were made to reduce costs and numerous lawsuits were filed against the province.

In late 2015, after a long Freedom of Information process that included mediation with the Ontario's privacy commissioner, the *Times* obtained a copy of the contract between the province and Carillion.

Among the hundreds of pages were clauses allowing the provincial government to terminate part or all of the contractor's right to work as well as terminate the entire contract

with Carillion if it was deemed that the company was not performing its work properly.

The contract also put strict limitations on the company's ability to discuss the contract and stated that any media releases from the company had to be vetted by the province first.

Carillion will continue to look after highways in the Huntsville district through this winter and a new contractor will take over on Sept. 1, 2018. The province issued a request for proposals on Sept. 14, "to select a new service provider for the Huntsville area through an open, transparent competitive process," the email from MTO communication staff reads. "Any contractor that meets the ministry's prequalification criteria may submit a proposal. After completing the value-based selection, the ministry will award the new contract to the successful proponent."

Under the previous contract for the area, which was held by Fowler Construction, snow-clearing was sub-contracted to local companies.

Hiring backlog to blame: Scott

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Laurie Scott launched a petition against the closure in April, the petition reading, "the closure of the Provincial Offence court in Minden means; a dramatic reduction in access to justice for residents, hurts the local economy and, jeopardizes community safety by letting criminals get off scot-free."

Scott's office received a response to her petition from Ontario's Attorney General Yasir Naqvi earlier this month.

"I understand the regional senior justice of the peace is temporarily moving all Minden provincial offence matters to the Lindsay provincial offences court effective July 1, 2017 until July 1, 2018," the correspondence reads. "The scheduling of judicial resources and court sittings is at the discretion of the judiciary and it would not be appropriate for the ministry to comment further on these matters."

"The minister has asked the justices of the

peace appointments advisory committee, which is an independent agency, to recruit 43 justices of the peace, including eight to sit in the Central East region. This recruitment is well underway."

Scott is criticizing Naqvi's response, saying he's hiding behind the excuse of judicial independence, and failing to take responsibility for causing the backlog of justice of the peace appointments in the first place.

"Unfortunately, the Wynne government has refused to listen to the hundreds of constituents who signed my petition and failed to act to stop this closure," Scott said in a release.

"This is a shameful response from the minister, showing that he doesn't care about the realities of life in rural Ontario. Nevertheless, I will keep up the pressure on him to listen to my constituents and ensure that they have the access to justice that they deserve."

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Sewage spreading site to be shut down

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change has not only denied an application for an expansion of a sewage-spreading field near Maple Lake, it has also denied approval for the continued operation of the site.

A Sept. 21 correspondence from David Bradley with the Peterborough district MOECC office to Haliburton Septic Pumping, which has been operating at the site since 2015, outlines the reasons for the denial.

Water quality seems to be central to the decision, including, “consideration and review of ministry technical support memoranda prepared in review of the application and supporting documents including a memorandum dated Aug. 16, 2017 prepared by the ministry’s surface water scientist Mark Phillips,” the correspondence reads. “Mr. Phillips’ memorandum indicated that he could not recommend approval of the application. Included in his reasons, which I have reviewed and accept, are the following: Maple Lake is located approximately one kilometre north of the disposal area. A wetland area and tributary creek are located on the site, and the creek flows northward into Maple Lake. The site is not suitable for the proposed expansion and long-term use due to anticipated additional loading of phosphorus into Maple Lake, which is considered to be a Policy 2 receiver for total phosphorus. A Policy 2 receiver is one which has water quality worse than the Provincial Water Quality Object and one where the water quality shall not be degraded further.”

The correspondence also mentions that Maple Lake is home to lake trout, and is “at capacity” according to the official plan of Algonquin Highlands township.

“This designation is based on MOECC’s Lakeshore Capacity Assessment Handbook with the goal of preventing excessive phosphorus levels in sensitive lakes in order to protect the lake ecosystem health and lake trout habitat . . .” the correspondence reads. “The proposed expansion

and long-term operation of the hauled sewage disposal site would represent a concentrated, ongoing source of phosphorus loading into Maple Lake.”

The current approval to operate will expire Nov. 30.

Consideration of the ministry’s statement of environment values, and consideration of comments received during a public feedback period earlier this year, was also part of the decisions.

The Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes’ Area Property Owners Association, along with a citizen group calling itself Our Grandchildren Matter Too: Save Maple Lake protested the initial application for the operation of the site, and have continued to submit comments to the ministry.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands also provided feedback during the public comment period.

“Certainly, the township did make a submission in that regard,” Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt told the paper. “Our position has always been around land use and existing policy.”

While the use of the property for the purpose of spreading is not permitted under the township’s zoning bylaw, the municipality’s bylaw was trumped by the provincial approval for the operation of the site.

“Our comments were policy-related and legislative in nature,” Moffatt said.

Moffatt, who sits on a provincial committee conducting a hauled sewage review, said she believes there is a bigger picture, changing of attitudes toward sewage spreading fields as an acceptable way to dispose of waste.

She stressed there is an inextricable link between sewage disposal, phosphorous loading and lake health.

“Municipalities and people have the power to pay attention and make good decisions, so we can all keep living here,” she said.

Algonquin Highlands is in the process of an expansion of its sewage treatment lagoon.

The ministry told Haliburton Septic Pumping it would prioritize the processing of any application for operation at a new site, as the ministry is cognizant the decision will impact the business.

The business owner may also, within 15 days from the service of the notice, request a hearing by tribunal.

Committee makes accessibility recommendations for AH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 21 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Councillors heard recommendations for an age-friendly master plan for the township from members of Aging Well Haliburton County.

The recommendations, based on online survey, as well as visits to seniors’ residences and information luncheons, include but are not limited to improved transportation, housing and access to health services, as well as social aspects, such as increasing civic participation.

“The housing piece was looking at a greater mix of housing,” said Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Andrews added that, “the term ‘affordable’ came up in relation to many of these priorities.”

Another recommendation is that a housing committee be struck at the county level, to ensure that a housing strategy for the municipality is being enacted.

There is a joint housing board for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, but not a devoted housing committee for the latter.

The report also includes recommendations for public spaces, such as prudent snow removal, benches and rest spaces, keeping areas free of trip hazards, and the addition of yellow lines to the edges of stairs, so they are more easily visible.

While the committee’s work may focus on seniors, really, it’s about accessibility for everyone.

“Really, everybody’s aging, it’s not just seniors,” Andrews said.

Other suggestions were the addition of ramps and handrails at local businesses, or doorbells to request assistance.

“It doesn’t always have to be expensive,” Andrews said of improvement businesses could make.

“We’ll definitely keep the recommendations in mind,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

New plans for ice pad

Residents in Dorset would like to see a new, concrete pad installed at the outdoor ice rink located on a park property jointly owned by Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays townships.

“We believe that having the rink on a concrete pad would greatly decrease the maintenance cost and time spent, as well as provide a year-round space for physical activities outside,” read correspondence from residents Lee Ross and Karla McKay. “It could be used for much more than ice skating and hockey.”

Some ideas include yoga, zumba, basketball and pickle ball, as well as farmers’/craft markets.

“We have the support of the Dorset Community Partnership Fund and would be applying for grants (both provincial and federal) to help fund the project,” the correspondence continues. “As well, we have a number of potential fundraising efforts in mind.”

Ross was in council chambers last week and also told councillors the group could provide volunteers for ice flooding, etc.

“There’s no question that something needs to be done with the rink, I think we would all agree on that,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt was concerned, however, about potential conflict between activities taking place within the Dorset Recreation Centre and duplicate activities at the pad.

“Is it the intent to move them outside in the summer, or create another set of activities that would essentially conflict with what’s happening?” she asked.

Ross said the idea would be to take equipment for activities such as pickle ball outside.

Councillors agreed that there would need to be a discussion with the township’s parks, rec and trails director about the use of equipment and the logistics of that, and Moffatt said that insurance and liability are always concerns for the township.

Councillors also said that some of the suggested activities – markets, for example – may be better suited for the nearby timber-frame pavilion.



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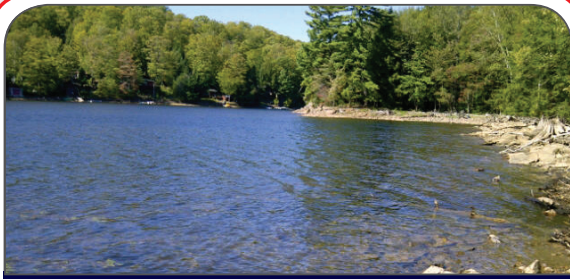
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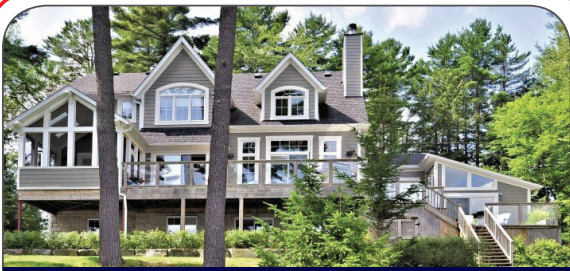


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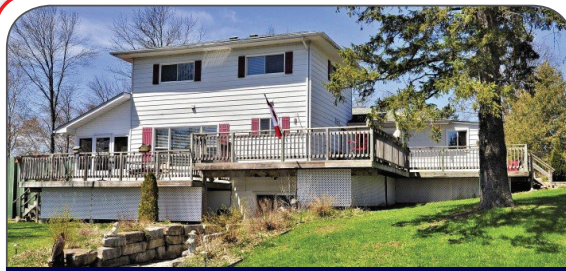
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Calling cut on Carillion

WELL, THANK THE snow gods for the mercy they have bestowed upon us.

The province is bringing an early end to its contract with Carillion for highway maintenance in its Huntsville region, which includes highways 35 and 118 through most of Haliburton County.

We will all be safer for it.

As most readers will be aware, Carillion took over in 2012, part of an 11-year contract the multi-national company had signed with the provincial government.

The decline in quality of winter maintenance on the provincial highways in Haliburton County was almost immediately

noticeable. Crusty, icy centre lines and sidelines; multitudinous ruts; incredibly slow uptake following winter storms; snow cleared so poorly that many parts of Highway 35 were often left without any discernable shoulder, leaving residents nowhere to safely pull over.

Areas such as Dover's Hill outside Haliburton Village were often left in deplorable, dangerous condition.

It became quickly evident the company was not concerned about public safety, but about doing the bare minimum; completing the fewest number of passes possible, using the least amount of salt and sand.

According to the province, "the Ministry of Transportation and Carillion have mutually agreed to end the contract for the Huntsville area. This is a mutual decision between the two organizations based on what is best for the province, the travelling public, and for Carillion."

Everyone knows that break-ups are rarely mutual; it's just something the involved parties tell people to spare feelings. But who cares. Who cares why it is

happening. It could have something to do with the provincial election coming up in June. Cough. The important thing is that it is happening.

Carillion will be looking after the area for one more winter, and hopefully we all survive.

The province has issued a request for proposals for the contract, and a new service provider will be put in place in September of 2018.

It would be ideal if the new contact were to function the way the previous one did, with the winter maintenance of the highways subcontracted to local companies, such as Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting.

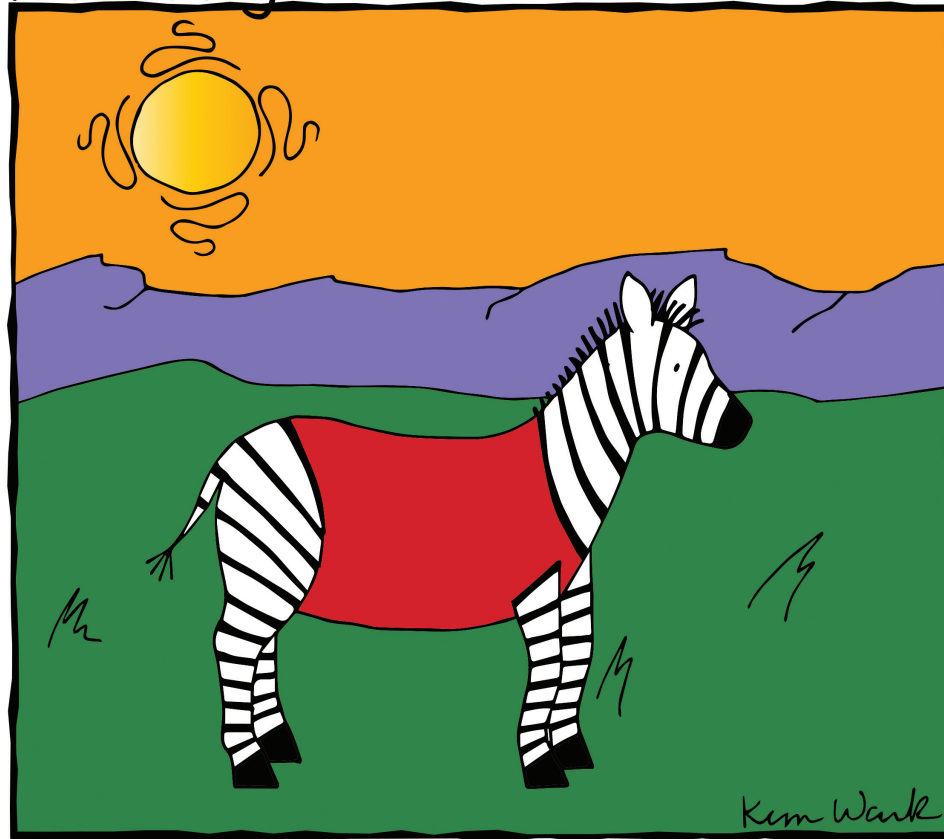
Thomas went far above the minimum standards, making sure the highways were, you know, actually safe to drive on.

Hopefully, the province has learned a lesson here; that an 11-year contract is far too long.



CHAD INGRAM
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Words hurt

NOW THAT PRESIDENT Trump started calling North Korean tyrant Kim Jong Un "Rocket Man" and now that Rocket Man has retaliated by calling Trump a "Mentally Deranged Dotard" I feel a whole lot better about the possibility of an impending nuclear war.

That's because this is all the adults in the room need to keep these two kids far away from the "bad" buttons – or at the very least to substitute them with Fischer-Price toys that have many beautifully coloured buttons that they can poke at all day.

On the other hand, I think we can all agree that Kim clearly won round one.

Trump's nickname for him – Rocket Man – is frankly not all that insulting. In fact, Rocket Man is actually the kind of cool nickname I wish I was saddled with when I was a kid.

"Mentally Deranged Dotard" on the other hand is not.

And unless Trump quickly responds with "I'm rubber, you're glue, everything you say bounces off of me and sticks to you," I believe his military advisers ought to tell the President it's time for a strategic withdrawal. Kim apparently has a vocabulary.

That would be the prudent thing to do in any case, before this horrible war of words escalates to the "Poo-poo head" stage. In my experience, that's the point of no return where real feelings get hurt.

I know this because I fought in the Great Name Calling War of 1968 and, in fact spent time on the front lines before being emotionally wounded twice. The first time was when a third grade shock trooper shot the nickname of "Stupid Head!" at me. The second time someone on the other side (the girl side) dropped the Boys-go-to-Jupiter-to-get-more-

stupider bomb on us, which resulted in our unconditional surrender.

I still carry the scars.

What worries me about Rocket Man and Mentally Deranged Dotard (MDD) is that both of these fellows never experienced this, presumably because they each got deferments from the name calling wars of their youth and, very likely sent in their boyservants to do the dirty work. As a result, they clearly don't understand the horrors they are on the verge of unleashing.

What if they start hurling the your-mom-ma's-so-fat insults?

Right now, the best thing mature adults in the U.S. can do is keep Trump away from the dictionary, which, since it is a book, shouldn't be that difficult. Then, they should tell him that deranged means "no longer in range" and dotard means a person who does things in a tardy fashion. That way the president might interpret it as "You are no longer mentally in range because you do things late."

It makes no sense, I know, but Trump will find a way to spin it into a great compliment.

This, by the way, is where Rocket Man (good God, I wish that was my nickname) is missing the boat. Instead of insulting Trump, all he needs to do is compliment him publicly once or twice. MDD is a sucker for compliment.

If Rocket Man does this well enough, Trump will probably turn against the South Koreans.

Who knows? Maybe both of these delusional authoritarians might even get along and find out they things in common – like the same blind barber. Then, perhaps they can drop the childish posturing and the name calling.

If that happens, I call dibbs on Rocket Man.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Ma Bell and me

IN THE BEGINNING there was none. No television. No electronics. The lake itself was the entertainment. Swimming in it, canoeing on it, fishing it or just sitting by it listening to loon calls float across its surface.

Just us, the lake and the pleasures of the woods around it.

Then it came. That first piece of electronic wizardry – the television set.

It was a small black box donated by a family member. It had a 12-inch screen and a single pull-out antenna that delivered ghostly shapes moving in electronic mist and snow.

I got it a pair of rabbit ears to boost its draw power enough to provide adequate black and white images and reasonably static-free audio.

That television was not allowed to be part of the cottage furnishings. It lived in a closet, unplugged from any electrical outlets that could bring it to life.

It was only an occasional visitor, pulled out of its closet on special occasions. Major sports events like the Stanley Cup playoffs, the World Series of baseball or the Superbowl. And, of course, major news events like the death of Princess Diana.

It died one day and was replaced by another castoff, a big box tube set the size of a bank vault. It took four people to carry it. It was too heavy to move in and out of the closet so we placed it in the living area where it became a cottage fixture.

It didn't get many channels so was not used much more than its predecessor. That changed after a visit to a spring Cottage Life Show.

Ma Bell was at the show and offering a sweet deal. She would set you up with satellite TV service at your home and your cottage for the monthly price of one service.

No longer would you have to lug the satellite box from home to the cottage and back to avoid paying for two services. It was irresistible and I

succumbed.

The old, chunky TV was not compatible for satellite so another family member donated a wide-screen set being discarded because at 40 inches it was considered too small and outdated. The trend in the city was for sets with screens the size of a tractor-trailer.

That would be the limit of digital electronic intrusions at the lake. Or, so I thought.

Then came the internet. It made sense. If work could be done over the internet at the lake, more time could be spent at the lake.

With the internet came the laptops, the tablets, and those ubiquitous smartphones.

Those machines swallow huge amounts of insanely expensive data. Someone suggested getting Wi-Fi. It would provide more data time and better TV options.

So in came the Wi-Fi box and yet another monthly ransom payment to Ma Bell. Her monthly take became the size of a new car payment.

I decided enough was enough. I unplugged the Wi-Fi box and put it in the closet where the little black television had lived.

Then I called Ma. I explained that I was paying her too much and needed to reduce the monthly bill. We talked for quite a while, me complaining about the cost burden and my disdain of commercials.

Television, I wailed, now was two minutes of program followed by five minutes of commercials. Ma was sympathetic and offered a variety of solutions.

The very next day a young man in a Bell truck arrived. He installed a PVR (personal video recorder) that allows the viewer to record a program and spin through the commercials. The PVR required a high definition satellite receiver, which he installed on my roof.

So my monthly Bell bill, once the size of Toyota hatchback payment, now is the size of a Lexus payment.

I seem to have everything now that Ma Bell has to offer. She doesn't think so because her marketing people call me almost daily. They call on my landline while I am eating supper. They call on my mobile phone while I am cutting firewood in the bush.

I want to call Ma and tell her to stop calling. But I am afraid to call because whenever I call her it costs me more money.

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Glute strength

WHEN I WAS a kid there was a radio commercial that made me giggle uncontrollably. It went something like this: "Let's talk man-to-man about rear ends." That was when there were only rear-wheel drive cars on the roads, and before the awareness around feminism became mainstream. But this article is not about cars, feminism or my age. It is about "rear ends". So let's talk about them!

There are three muscles that make up the part of us that we sit on. They are known as the gluteus maximus, gluteus medius and gluteus minimus. Together they form the largest and strongest muscle in the body. And yes, it is a muscle and it is, in my opinion, the most important one we have.

Functionally, the glutes are responsible for our forward movement. The three muscles work together to abduct, rotate and extend the hip. They help us both accelerate and decelerate movement. They are also involved in direction changes, they are working when we sit, when we stand, when we pick-up items from the floor, and when we climb stairs.

Those glutes are also responsible for stabilizing your pelvis when you move. The stronger they are, the more they can help to align your lower body. That reduces the risk of back, hip and knee injuries. That's pretty amazing for bunch of muscles that we spend so much time sitting on. It's time to stand up and give them some attention!

Try one of these exercises:

Standing Leg Raises: Stand up straight (shoulders back, chest out, tighten your

abs) with your feet a couple of inches apart. If necessary hold on to a wall or table to help with balance. Keeping your heel on the ground, turn your right foot 45 degrees from the starting position. Slightly bend your left knee, and lift your right foot slightly off the ground, maintaining that angle. Raise your right leg six to 10 inches behind you, maintaining that angle. Each

movement is one repetition.

Complete five to 10 repetitions. There should be a tightness happening in your right glute. If there isn't, keep working at it until there is. Repeat the exercise on the left side.

Glute Bridge: Lie on your back on the floor with your knees bent and your feet on the floor. Place your hands beside your body with your palms facing down. Tighten your glute muscles, and slowly

raise your buttock off the floor. Hold for one to five seconds, and lower your buttock to the ground. Repeat five to 10 times. If you are feeling this exercise in the backs of your legs instead of your glutes, do the standing leg raises first to build strength before attempting this one again.

There are many other glute strengthening exercises but these two will get you started. These exercises, combined with stretching will give you a good foundation – not only for sitting, but for moving too.

Something to think about.

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I was very impressed with the opening ceremony for the Invictus Games on Saturday. The marching in of the athletes from different and very diverse countries, seeing one country's athletes helping another country's. Seeing these brave men and women baring their souls for all to see. The acknowledgement of PTSD as a viable illness. I am sure everyone has a story of returning soldiers in the past, with this illness not being recognized. I think of many dysfunctional families as a result of this oversight. But thank goodness, this has been resolved. Retired Lieutenant

General Romeo Dallaire has written a very chilling book *Shake Hands with the Devil*. In it he reveals the horrors he experienced in Rwanda, and his reactions when he returned home. Let's follow these games, and give all these athletes our support.

This week we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our charter. We are very proud of our accomplishments in 30 short years. We have supported our Veterans in many ways. We have supported our community, the elderly and our youth. This would not have been possible without the support of our donors and the help of our business community. Also, for their generosity during our Poppy Campaigns. For this reason we are honouring these folks and businesses. We have invited them to enjoy our signature menu item, our famous fish and chips. They are welcome any Friday lunch during September and October. These are all local establishments, so please shop locally.

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Corduroy Enduro makes a splash

Riders make their way through a stream during the 64th annual Corduroy Enduro during weekend. The event brings amateur and professional motorcyclists from throughout North America to compete on challenging terrain across Haliburton County./CHAD INGRAM Staff



A competitor in the Corduroy Enduro prepares to make his way through the “Tunnel of Love,” an watery underpass near Kinmount, during the racing event on Sept. 23, as a crowd of spectators looks on.

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County elementary students struggling with math

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Elementary school students in Haliburton County are struggling in mathematics, the latest round of results from the Education Quality and Accountability Office show.

EQAO standardized tests are issued to Ontario students in Grade 3, 6 and 9 each year, the tests focusing on core subjects of reading, writing and mathematics.

Results are shown in grouped, combined achievement for two-year periods.

At the Grade 6 level, 47 per cent of students at ASES were at or above the provincial standard in math for the 2015-2017 period, down from 60 per cent for the 2014-2016 period.

For Grade 6 students at J. Douglas Elementary School in Haliburton, 38 per cent of students met or exceeded the provincial standard, down from 43 per cent.

Seventeen per cent of Grade 6 students at Wilberforce Elementary School met or exceeded the standard, down from 27 per cent.

There have been calls recently for the Ministry of Education to revert to the traditional teaching method in math, as standardized test scores have slid. Since the 2009-2010 school year, the province has been using what is referred to as a "discovery math" curriculum, which relies less on the simple repetition of problem-solving that was the basis of the traditional math curriculum.

At the Grade 3 level at ASES, 81 per cent of students met or exceeded the standard in mathematics, up from 79. At Stuart Baker Elementary School, the figure was 65 per cent, down from 69 per cent during the 2014-2016 results period.

At Cardiff Elementary School, 37 per cent of Grade 3 students were at or above the provincial standard for math, up from 33 per cent.

Math results were down at the high school.

At Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 49 per cent of Grade 9 students in applied mathematics met or exceeded the standard for the 2015-2017, versus 53 per cent during the 2014-2016 period.

At the academic level, those figures were 72 per cent and 86 per cent, respectively.

In reading, 82 per cent of ASES Grade 3 students met or exceeded the standard, down from 86 per cent during the previous results period. Eighty-seven per cent of

ASES Grade 6 students met the standard, down from 94. At Stuart Baker Elementary School, 68 per cent of Grade 3 students met or exceeded the reading standard, up from 61 per cent. At JDH, those figures were 74 per cent, up from 72, and at Wilberforce Elementary School, 61 per cent, down slightly from 62.

In writing, 82 per cent of ASES Grade 3 students met or exceeded the standard, down from 83. At the Grade 6 level at ASES, 81 per cent of students met the standard, down from 93 per cent during the previous period.

At JDH, the figures were 67 per cent, down from 68, and 48 per cent of Grade 6 students at Wilberforce Elementary School met or exceeded the provincial standard in writing, up from 46 per cent.

Across the Trillium Lakelands School board, results were improved for Grade 3 students in general.

"Significant advancement has been seen across Grade 3 reading, writing, and math in comparison to 2016 data," a press release from the board reads.

While there was also progress in Grade 6 reading and writing results across the board, Grade 6 math results were down overall throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

"We are thrilled with the results from our primary grades, especially Grade 3 math where we are above the provincial average," board director of education Larry Hope said in a press release. "Our focused support for junior grade teachers will continue to help increase math content knowledge in a variety of ways."

The release goes on to explain changes that are being implemented when it comes to mathematics.

"The 2016-2017 school year saw the introduction of a renewed math strategy for TLDSB, which included a focus on students with special needs – particularly in Grade 6 math where there is room for improvement," it reads. "The board will continue to focus on professional development in junior grades in math, and allow teachers to make classroom changes that are connected to student assessment information. Secondary schools in TLDSB are currently participating in a new program that offers a fully-integrated approach to grade 9 applied math, where the focus on math is across the entire school year, rather than only in one semester."

Minden man charged with impaired driving

A 33-year-old man from Minden Hills was charged with impaired driving following a RIDE check last week.

On Friday, Sept. 22, Haliburton Highlands OPP conducted a RIDE stop on Kendrick Creek Lane in Minden Hills. During that program, which checks for impaired driving.

At about 10:30 p.m., a man driving a grey car was stopped and during conversation with the driver, officers determined he had been drinking. He subsequently failed the roadside screening device test.

The man was charged with impaired driving and having too much alcohol in his blood. He is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Nov. 1. His driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the car he was driving was impounded for seven days.

Motorcycle collision in Highlands East

A 56-year-old man was airlifted to a Toronto hospital after a motorcycle accident on Essonville Line on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Just after 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, police were called to the single-vehicle collision in Highlands East.

Investigation found that the motorcycle left the road and collided with the guard rails. The man, who is from Hamilton Township, had serious injuries.

Members of the Central Region Technical Traffic Collision Investigation unit attended the scene to assist with the investigation, which is ongoing.

Be safe during hunting season

Hunting season is upon us and the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police encourages hunters to learn and follow the following list of rules when hunting in Haliburton County.

Hunting Safety Rules:

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- Handle firearms with care and attention at all times.

- Hunters must never shoot unless they are absolutely sure of their target and what lies beyond it.

- It is illegal to shoot from a vehicle or carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle.

- It is illegal to discharge a firearm from or across the travelled portion of a right of way for public vehicular traffic. In many parts of Ontario it is also illegal to have a loaded firearm, or discharge a firearm, in any part of the right of way.

- Firearms must be unloaded and safely secured (in a locked cabinet with a lock on the trigger) when not being used and ammunition must also be safely secured and stored. Failing to do is against the law.

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Statistics show there is added reason to get local pets vaccinated against rabies at these clinics. Over the past two years, Ontario has seen a more than 10-fold increase in the number of rabies cases. Last year, 288 cases of rabies were confirmed in the province, compared to only 24 cases in 2015. According to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Ontario has recorded 88 rabies cases in 2017 through the end of July.

“With the rapid rise in rabies cases found in wildlife in certain parts of Ontario over the past two years, it’s even more important to get your pets vaccinated,” says Richard Ovcharovich, manager of environmental health with the HKPR District Health Unit. “Rabies is fatal, so getting

pets vaccinated is an important part of caring for animals and being a responsible pet owner. In this area, it’s also mandatory for pet owners to get their cats and dogs vaccinated for rabies.”

The Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinics cost \$30 per animal (cash only). No examination of the animal will take place at the clinic, and participating veterinarians ask that dogs be on leashes and cats in carriers. The clinics are offered as follows:

CARDIFF - Thursday, Sept. 28

Faraday Animal Hospital will offer a clinic at the Cardiff Community Centre (2747 Monck Road) from 6 to 7 p.m.

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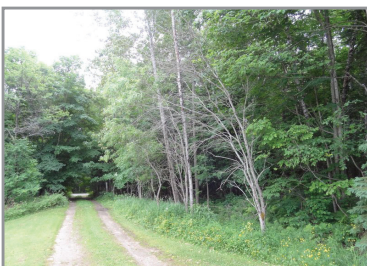
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Ridgewood Public School 25th Anniversary

A sunny day set the stage for the 25th anniversary of Ridgewood School in Coboconk. More than 200 former staff, students and community members attended the celebration held at the school on Saturday, Sept. 23.

In attendance were representatives of several levels of government. MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott presented certificates to vice principal Gordon Wood. Mayor Andy Letham and former principal and anniversary committee member Brian Hough brought greetings and congratulations to the school community. Director of education, Larry Hope and trustee John Byrne sent greetings via a video message. Special guests, trustee Don Alton, Barbara Truax, Dave Moloney, Councillors Emmett Yeo and Pat O'Reilly were also in attendance.

The formal presentations concluded with a slideshow and the singing of the school song written and led by former teacher, Debbie Fogwell.

Attendees were encouraged to sing along with Tim Rowat as he led several familiar Canadian songs while they enjoyed cake, ice cream, lemonade and cold water. Visitors spent considerable time greeting old friends and former staff. Albums from the four original school communities, Coboconk, Burnt River, Kinmount and Norland were displayed in the library with memorabilia from the last 25 years of the Ridgewood community.

Visitors travelled from Barrie, London and Haliburton and several email messages were received from former staff and students throughout the province.

-Submitted



Former principal Brian Hough, left, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Andy Letham and HKLB MP Jamie Schmale joined the 25th anniversary celebration of Coboconk's Ridgewood School on Sept. 23. /SUBMITTED

Jr. football team takes on Fenelon

The junior boys' football team travelled to Fenelon Falls to take on the Falcons in their first game of the year. The Red Hawks out-chanced Fenelon in the hard-fought contest. Excellent efforts from the entire team with our stingy defence, potent offence, and effective special teams gave HHSS the edge on the scoreboard with a gritty 2-0 win.

Hawks tangle with Mustangs in field hockey

The field hockey team took to the field against the Crestwood Mustangs. The Mustangs senior squad came out firing against the Red Hawks. The Red Hawks battled hard and improved as the game went on. The end result was Crestwood 2, Red Hawks, 0.

Golf season complete

Congratulations to the 2017 HHSS golf team on a short, but successful season. Although we did not qualify to move on to the Kawarthas, the team showed grit and counted every stroke. On a positive note, Sam Longo will be moving on as an individual.

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Beech Lake blob befuddles residents

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

On this particular afternoon at the shared dock of neighbours Robin Carmount and Neil Vanderstoop, in Algonquin Highlands, a heron is lifting off from the waters and evidence of an otter is scattered about the shoreline.

But it's something less familiar that is drawing attention to their spot on the Beech River, between Boshkung and Beech Lakes.

A dozen or so freshwater bryozoans – or *Pectinatella magnifica* – tiny organisms that form jelly-like colonies, are visible along the bottom of the river from the water's surface. The blob-like creatures of various sizes – some as large as a football –have attached themselves to sticks and logs next to the dock.

"I came down one day, and they started multiplying until we had more and more and more," said Vanderstoop, who said he's seen them elsewhere, like in Eels Lake near Bancroft. "I've just never seen this many in one spot."

Vanderstoop reaches into the water to pull a small bryozoan colony out.

"They're all over. They're under the dock, they're under the trees over there. [From the surface] it looks like a pine cone but clearer," said Vanderstoop. "It feels just like a ball of jelly. You can probably just squish it, but I'm not about to. The ones in there now are getting so big, I'm getting a little apprehensive about picking them up."



Neil Vanderstoop shows an example of a bryozoan, found in the bottom of the Beech River near his shared dock. The creature is harmless and resembles a blob of jelly./ SUE TIFFIN Staff

After posting an image of a bryozoan to Facebook, Vanderstoop's daughter searched the Internet to identify them for

him.

"I had thought they were some sort of frog egg or fish egg or turtle of some sort," he said, and then laughing: "We didn't pay much mind to them. They're on that side, I swim on this side, who cares?"

At around the same time the neighbours were discovering the bryozoans, a video posted online by *Vancouver Courier* editor-in-chief Martha Perkins, who was formerly the editor of the *Haliburton Echo*, caught Carmount's attention. In the short clip, Perkins dons hip waders to venture into Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park to pick up what she described as, "a big blob of gooeyness." Carmount recognized the creature in her hands immediately.

"I watched the video and thought, this can't be the same Martha Perkins, what are the chances of that?" said Carmount. "I saw it in the water, then saw the video and thought, 'that's the same thing that's growing in the river here.'"

The video caught the attention of more

than Carmount – it went viral after being shared by international media outlets including *National Geographic*, *London's Daily Mail* and *Popular Science* and has been viewed more than 900,000 times.

In the *Popular Science* article, Sara Chodosh explains that global warming is potentially the cause of the bryozoans spreading and surviving from their original space in the Mississippi, but, "it's also possible that they've just been lying in ponds ... for years now without anyone noticing."

Carmount said he's seen the species referred to as "dragon boogers."

"That's the layman's term," he laughs.

Adam Challice, management biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry saw the photo of the Beech Lake bryozoan and confirmed that's what it was.

"They are native and not harmful ecologically, although I do not suggest you try eating one," he said.

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St. Nora Lake was pristine for the hike on Saturday starting off at the Frost Centre. Led by Rebecca Krawczyk, a professional ecologist, the hike took a group along trails through the woods and to some stunning lookout points.



Hike leader Rebecca Krawczyk holds a hornworm on her thumb. Part of Bedrock Botanicals, the hike used the trails along the Frost Centre to educate the group about various native plants and their uses. When not volunteering her time for hikes, Krawczyk is a horticulturalist and landscape consultant, sells native plants and runs an online botanical boutique. For more information, check out botanigal.com.

Take a hike

A group of about 20 participants walk through the forest at the Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands, taking in Hike Haliburton. Temperatures were quite high for late September, hovering around the 30 degree Celcius mark. /JENN WATT Staff

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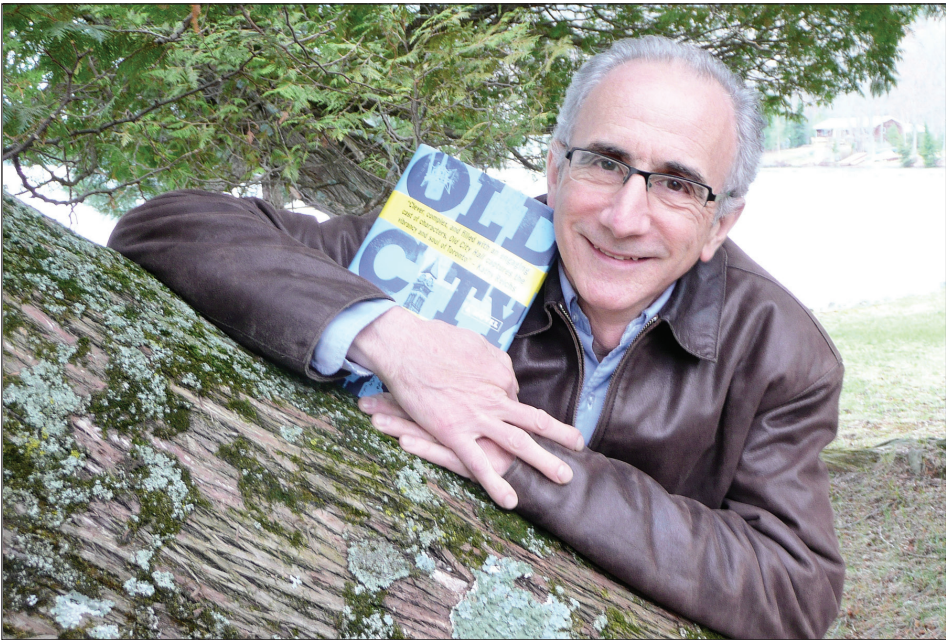
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Answers on page 18

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



Robert Rotenberg will be the speaker at the upcoming Lunch and Learn. In this file photo, he is seen with his first book, Old City Hall, published in 2009. Since that time, he has published four more mysteries. His most recent is called Heart of the City. /File photo

Rotenberg brings suspense to Carnarvon Oct. 4

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

"I say they're airplane reading for smart people," Robert Rotenberg says of his books. The Toronto criminal lawyer and acclaimed mystery writer will visit Carnarvon's Zion United Church on Wednesday, Oct. 4 as part of a Lunch and Learn event, hosted by the Haliburton County Public Library. Rotenberg, who recently released his fifth novel, *Heart of the City*, is more than familiar with Haliburton County, having attended Camp White Pine for a number of summers and then having a had cottage in the community for 23 years. He's spoken at previous local events and some of his works were partly composed in the Haliburton Highlands. "I've written in the library there, the cafés there," he says, adding that Haliburton has been a setting in his past writing. The backdrop for his latest thriller is a

condominium development proposed for Toronto's famous Kensington Market. "They always start with a murder," Rotenberg says of his works, but adds, "They're not your standard mystery." His novels also incorporate the real-life narrative of the city. "This book is about the condo building trade in Toronto," he says, referring to the booming industry that has dramatically changed the city's skyline during the past decade or so and made the city the fastest growing on the continent. "I like to try to write about what's really going on in the city." Rotenberg will read from his new book during the event, but also tell some stories and interact attendees. Tickets are \$20, which includes a buffet lunch. Lunch is at noon and Rotenberg's talk is scheduled to commence at 1 p.m. Ticket sales end Sept. 30. Those interested in attending are asked to call Brenda Robinson at 705-457-2695.

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Friends of the Haliburton County Library - Lunch and Learn-Robert Rotenberg
When: Wed. October 4, 2017
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
Time: 12:00 pm Buffet Lunch, 1:00 pm Presentation
Price: \$20.00 (cash/chq only)
Tickets: Call Brenda Robinson at 705-457-2695
Ticket sales end Sept. 30
Kinmount: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program
When: Wednesday, October 4, 10:30 am.
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Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, October 11, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.
Knowledge Circle
The Knowledge Circles Project invites citizens in The Land Between region to share their observations/knowledge of the land and build community relationships.
When: Saturday October 14 from 10 am – 4 pm:
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Registration is required (the event is free, including lunch): Contact Leora Berman at 705-457-4838 or info@thelandbetween.ca or register online at knowledgecircles.ca

Get crafty in Dorset on Thanksgiving weekend

DORSETNEWS
Lee Ross
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Please join the Ontario Heritage Trust, in partnership with the Chippewas of Rama First Nation and the Township of Lake of Bays, as they unveil a provincial plaque commemorating the long history of the Anishinaabeg peoples at Lake of Bays. The even is taking place on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at Cedar Narrows Heritage Park, located on Main Street by the bridge, in Dorset. Refreshments will be served after the unveiling. For more information visit the events calendar at heritagetrust.on.ca/events or call 416-325-5016.
Dorset's annual scarecrow contest has been extending until Sept. 30 so get your business, family or group registered for a chance to take home first place.
If you've happened to look out a window or step out-

side the past few weeks you will have noticed the colours on the trees rapidly changing. It's a strange thing to be swimming in warm lakes at the end of September while the leaves change to fall. According to Moose FM Huntsville, the sugar maples will peak this week and if you're hoping to get out there and see them in all their glory, it's a good idea to go during the week, as lineups in to Algonquin Park are seeing wait times of up to three hours. If you're lucky enough to have not put your boat away for the season it's a completely different experience seeing the leaves from the water, and less traffic.
Dorset Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wonderful celebration of all that is handmade and beautiful. A show where only handmade goods are presented by a variety of artisans from the area. Items will include paintings, dolls, puppets, knitting, wood crafts and unique jewelry to name a few. Lunch will be provided by St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church. Participants may set up on Friday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. This is something you'll definitely want to check out with the family.
Dorset Book Club in the Dorset library (located in the Recreation Centre), the first Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. Call the branch at 705-766-9969 for more information and to find out the book being discussed. All welcome!
Happy birthday to Marlene Shortreed and happy anniversary to Rob and Chantal Hamilton. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

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Quit smoking with health unit's STOP program

The local health unit is encouraging smokers to come by one of two sessions planned for October to receive resources to help them quit smoking, including five weeks of free nicotine patches for participants.
Two sessions are being offered, one on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in Kinmount and the other on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. in Hastings.
The program is called STOP (smoking treatment for Ontario patients) and is presented by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit along with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
The use of patches can more than double a person's chance of quitting smoking, said public health nurse Karen Taylor.
"Nicotine patches are very effective, but can be expensive for some people," she said in a press release. "The fact that patches are free through the STOP program is just another reason to call to see if you qualify for them."
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Drug Awareness week starts November 12 and organizers are putting together a week of activities to combat drug abuse.

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Minden Winter Carnival lives another year

by Andy Holloway

It looks like the Minden Winter Carnival will live for at least one more year after residents banded together to save the annual fair.

About 15 people, including Minden councillors, attended a meeting last Wednesday night in an effort to save the carnival which was dropped by the Kinsmen who ran the event for the past 20 years. Representatives from the Legion, Lions Club, Kinsmen and Minden Skating Club were at the meeting as were several residents with no club affiliation.

All present at the meeting agreed the carnival should be geared to children. To this end, the carnival will undergo some important changes to make it more attractive to children and their families and also to cut down on costs.

The carnival was initially organized as a means of raising funds for the Kinsmen Club while providing a weekend of winter activities. Last year's carnival, however, operated at \$1,000 in the red. The club says it cost about \$10,000 to put on last year's events while income was just \$9,000.

Despite this poor financial picture, the club still has \$4,700 left in its carnival budget that will be passed on to the new organizers.

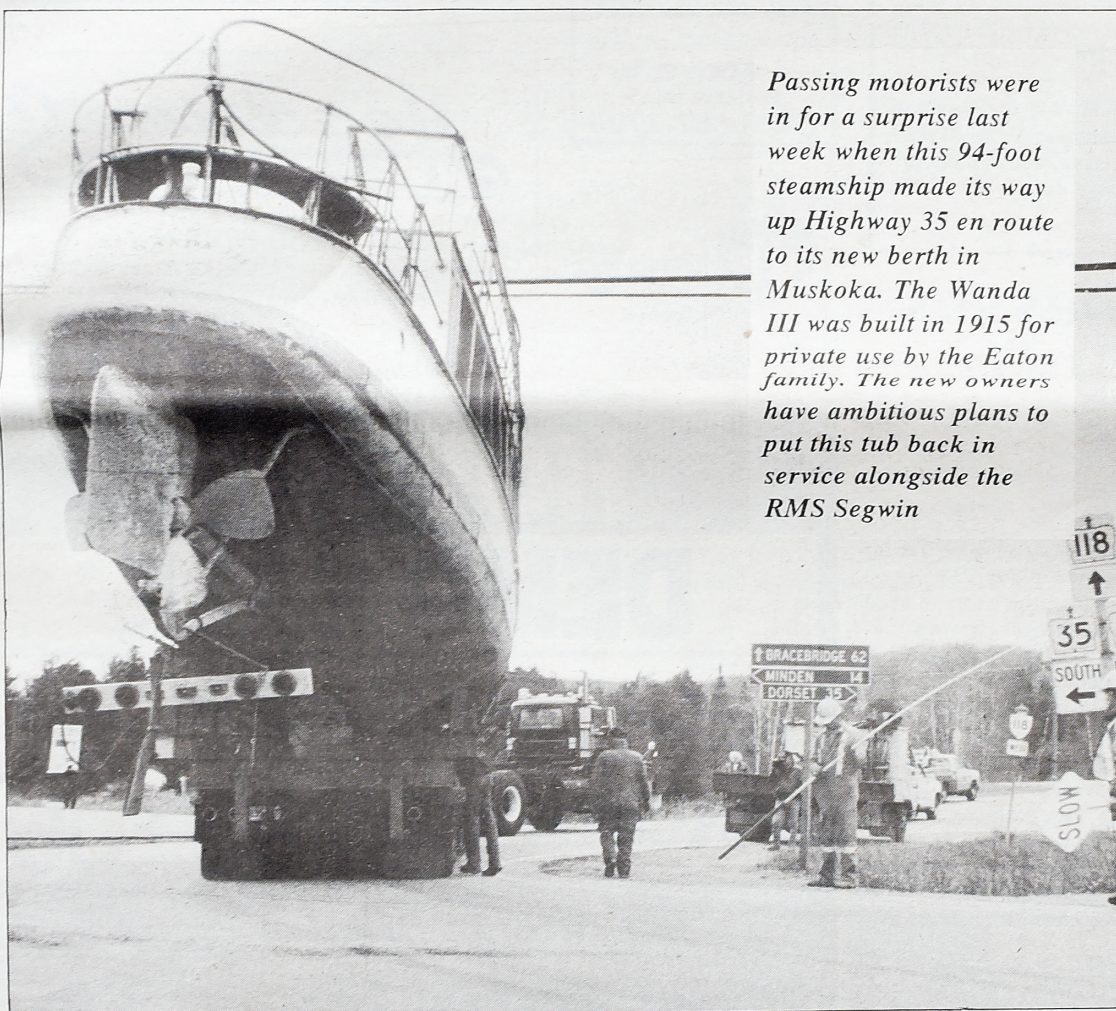
"We do have a nest egg to kick us off with so it's not as if we're stuck with nothing," said Minden Reeve and new committee chair Bern Berry. "The problem is not finances, the problem is what are we going to do, what ideas do we have and where are we going to get the manpower?"

Kinsmen president Jim Carrell said the committee should be "prepared to be amazed" when expenses do start rolling in. Winn Newbury, who was one of the first organizers of the event, said in the beginning the carnival didn't even have a budget, yet things still got done and everyone had a good time. Those who remembered the carnival's heyday in the 1970s said it was because the children were involved and so were the schools.

Gone are such events as the MuchMusic video dance party which lost money last year. In its place the new organizers want a return to the types of events the carnival had in its beginning years. A Carnival Queen and King contest, torch light parade, bonfire and a figure skating exhibition are being looked at for Friday night to kick off the weekend.

On Saturday events like a baseball tournament, cross-country ski races, arm wrestling, helicopter rides, sleigh rides, card games for seniors and a dinner are being planned. And yes, there will be a dance, although Berry said the format will have to be decided later by the committee which is comprised of Lisa Connelly, Dwight Thomas, Brian Moore and Jeanne Anthon. Moore was representing the chamber of commerce and the Lions Club. He said the chamber does not have the resources to help financially, but it will help spread the word.

Sunday's featured plans include ice skating, skating races, and a pancake breakfast. During the weekend the Kinsmen will have their regular ice car races and the curling club is hosting a bonspiel.

**"The problem
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O'Reilly turns Haliburton red

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Almost 71 percent of the eligible voters in Haliburton County cast their ballots last Monday, and the result was a surprisingly strong win for John O'Reilly.

The Liberal candidate picked up 20,511 votes, beating out Reformer Barry Devolin by almost 5,000 votes.

Although O'Reilly will not be sworn in as this riding's Member of Parliament until later this week, he is already receiving dozens of calls from constituents in need of help from their representative.

Former MP Bill Scott's constituency office was closed down early last week.

Victoria-Haliburton has been a Conservative stronghold for the past 38 years. Scott, who filled the post for the past 27 years, announced his retirement prior to the election call. The Tories chose Lindsay lawyer Lorne Chester as their candidate this time around, but the best he could manage it this nationwide Liberal sweep was a third-place finish with 12,387 votes.

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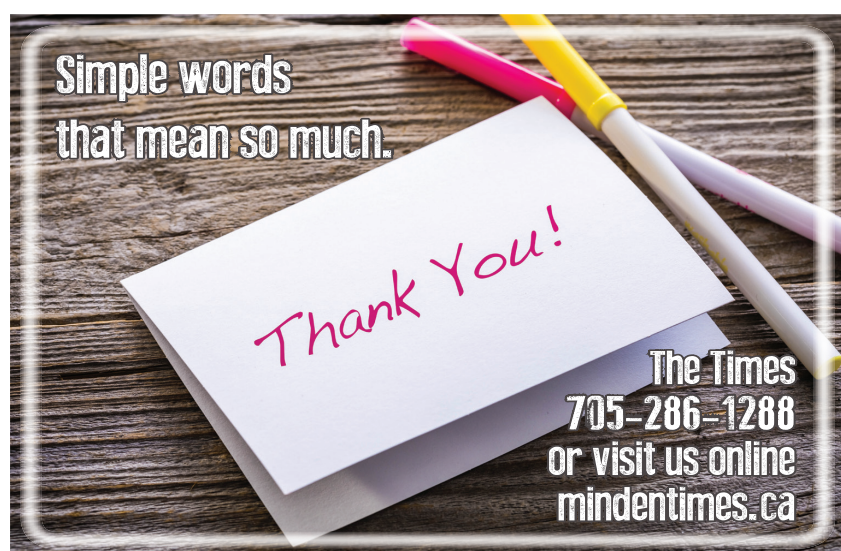
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Thank you for being the wonderful example of what putting God first in your lives and loving unconditionally can do. You are both an inspiration to all of us. We love you and truly appreciate all the sacrifices you have made for our family through the years.

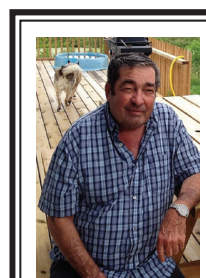
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In Loving Memory of
Laverne "Butch" Black

Passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017, in his 68th year, after a lengthy illness.

Predeceased by his loving wife Linda McKelvey. He will always be affectionately remembered by his son John, daughter-in-law Stephanie, grandchildren Amy, Brenden, Dana, as well as by his favourite companion dog Aussie.

Butch is survived and cherished by his sisters Bonnie (Frank), Sherri (Jim), brother Peter (Marg), sister-in-laws Sharon, Kathy (David), Wendy and predeceased by sisters Marnie and Darlene. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, September 25, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Butch's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Interment at the Bethel Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be donated to the Auxiliary at the Haliburton Hospital where Butch received ongoing care and support.



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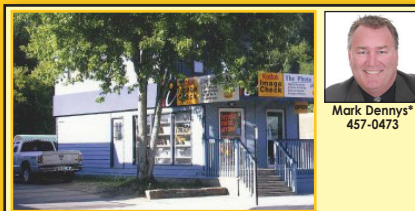
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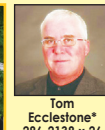
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Bantam girls have strong start in tournament

The Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Bantam Girls Jets team travelled to Oshawa this past weekend to participate in the Lady Generals Fall Classic tournament. Although the team did not bring home a medal, they played with perseverance, displayed some excellent hockey skills and worked hard throughout each game of the tournament. Given some more time to practice and develop as a new team, this upcoming season is sure to be a successful one for opportunities for sharing, learning and growing together.

For their first game Friday morning, the Jets faced the North York Storm. The game ended in a tie 1-1. Emma Tidey had the lone goal, unassisted. Friday evening, the team played the Napanee Crunch. The Jets took the win 2-1. Haley Goulet scored both goals with assists going to Tidey and Hannah McMann. Saturday morning, the girls took on the Nepean Wildcats in a game that was fast paced, full of determination, and fantastic team work. Despite all of their efforts, the team lost to their opponents with a final score of 1-0. The Jets

final game of the evening saw them play the Cornwall Typhoons which ended with a final result of 4-0 in favour of the Typhoons. Bella Smolen minded the net for the Jets and had a stellar performance throughout the tournament. The girls, coaches, bench staff and parents would like to thank their sponsors, Parkview Dental and Canadian Tire for their ongoing support for the upcoming season.

- Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Bowling Scores

Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 19

Men

High Average Claude Cote 212
High Single Ken Thompson 247
High Single H/C Tom Orr 272
High Triple Neil Darby662
High Triple H/C Tom Orr 793

Women

High Average Chris Cote 187
High Single Chris Cote 241
High Single H/C Chris Cote 278
High Triple Chris Cote 629
High Triple H/C Olga Mark 719

Friday, Sept. 22

Ladies

Average Dianne Cullen 190
High Single Dianne Cullen 236
High Triple Dianne Cullen 5707
High Single Hcp Netty Alexander 273
High Triple Hcp Netty Alexander 672

Men

Average Ken Thompson196
High Single John Whitty 236
High Triple John Whitty 597
High Single Hcp John Whitty 267
High Triple Hcp John Whitty 690

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- Attached garage, full finished basement



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Canning Lake \$899,000

- Immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath, year round home
- 160 ft of sand beach on a point lot for sunsets
- Plus beautiful landscaping, 2 car garage & bunkie!



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- Newly renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home
- Large open concept LR/DR/Kitchen
- Plus Rec room and large dbl garage



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Minden Lake \$339,000

- 3 Season cottage is full of charm & character
- 3 Bdrms, open concept, stunning lake views
- Sits near the lake, entry to deep water



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Kennisis River \$120,000

- Lovely building lot, short boat ride into Halls Lake
- Natural shoreline with picturesque river views!



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- Year round road; 15 mins. to Haliburton



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Minden Home \$399,900

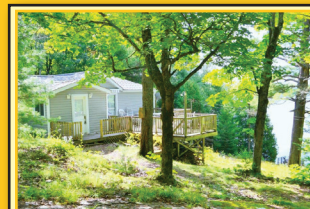
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- Hardwoods, Ceramics, Propane Fireplace
- 5 Mins to Minden, Dbl Att'd & Sgl Det'd Garages



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- Includes 50' x 24' barn



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Stormy Lake \$395,000

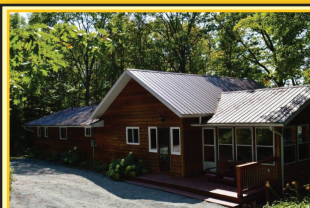
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- 205 ft shoreline w/rock, sand & shallow entry
- Large deck for outdoor entertainment



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